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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Editor Bert Travis of the Gobleville News was a Paw Paw visitor two days this week.

Mrs. Frank Hayward was taken to the hospital in Kalamazoo last Sunday for treatment.

Mrs. J. G. Boess has purchased a new Ford car. Bert Salisbury purchased the one she has been driving.

G. A. Hawkins of the War Branch in Indiana is the guest of his Uncle G. A. Stievenart, west of Paw Paw.

Murray Boess of the Aviation corps, at camp in Texas, visited his people here from Monday morning until noon Tuesday.

Miss Elva Packer spent last week at the homes of her sisters, Mrs. I. D. Spaulding in Hartford and Mrs. Harry Snow in Kalamazoo.

Henry Scrimger of Breedsville was calling on friends Monday. Mr. Scrimger is one of the "War Horses" of Van Buren county, and is always welcome among his friends.

See "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" at the town hall in Lawton on Tuesday evening, March 26th. Admission 25 cents, all proceeds to go to the Red Cross society.

The High school band will furnish the music next Wednesday evening for Prof. Henderson's Free Lecture "The Boy Problem" at the Coterie club house. You are invited.

Osroe Yeider who was seriously injured by the explosion of a furnace some weeks ago, is on the road to recovery. He poured kerosene on live coals, and it was a close call for Osroe.

The regular train schedule was resumed on the Fruit Belt last Monday. There is now a train leaving Paw Paw for the east at 10:10 A. M. as heretofore, and returning at 4:10 and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Democratic township committee decided to fill out the blank places on the township ticket left vacant by the caucus. Charles Lake heads the ticket for supervisor, and E. Dickerson for clerk. This gives the democrats a complete ticket.

"You ask how we may tell roosters from pullets. Well about the best method is the one advanced by an old lady, who said: 'Mix some meal and water, and when the chickens are a few days old, drop a little in front of them. If he eats it, it's a rooster; if she eats it, it's a pullet.'"

The examination of 160 recruits for Uncle Sam's army began at the Court house on Wednesday. Drs. J. C. Maxwell, W. F. Hoyt of Paw Paw and John R. Giffin of Bangor composed the medical board of examiners, and H. C. Waters acted in the capacity of clerk.

It has been suggested that the ground adjoining the lake on west Main street would make a splendid camping spot for auto parties. It might be a good idea for the village to take the matter in hand and offer some such inducement for auto parties passing through during the summer.

The "United Press" of March 1st, contains a fine cut of Harold Jacobs and the announcement that he has been promoted to the position of Cable Editor in New York city. Harold won considerable fame as war correspondent when he accompanied General Pershing's troops on the raid into Mexico.

There will be no leniency shown Income Tax Slackers this year says Collector E. J. Doyle of the Revenue department. The time for making reports and paying income taxes was extended until April 1st, and no excuses will go after that date. If you haven't yet made your report and paid your tax, better attend to it without delay. All must be in the hands of the Collector on or before April first.

Carrie Briggs-Chappell, chairman of the local Surgical Dressing department of the Red Cross announces that the Surgical Dressing shop will be open for workers Monday, April 1st, at One o'clock P. M. The rooms will be open after that date every afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00 and Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. Bring shears, apron and Coat and begin the first week. We have pledged workers on Monday, but we should have twenty at least. If you have an old sheet that you can donate please leave it at the Emporium. Also need shears and thimbles.

The United States Marshall announces that all Alien Enemies who desire to change their residence from one district to another must first make application to the Registration officer of the district in which he resides. If the permit is granted, the same will be endorsed on the application and presented to the registration officer of the district to which he desires to move, who in turn will make proper endorsement on the permit. Any change of residence in violation of this regulation subjects the Alien Enemy to arrest and detention during the period of the war.

H. Baker of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on Tuesday.

Guy Titus of Kalamazoo was in Paw Paw on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Halo North Hall of Grand Rapids was in Paw Paw the first of the week.

Dr. O. E. Lamphere of Kalamazoo spent a few hours among Paw Paw friends on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dillie have returned to their Paw Paw home after spending the winter in the South.

There will be a regular meeting of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. at the lodge rooms on Tuesday evening next.

In switching cars in the local yards one evening this week, a passenger coach was backed into the race just below the Free and Mutchler dam.

It is not only a privilege but it is a duty of every citizen to buy Thrift Stamps. The government must have the money if we are to win the war.

F. W. Sheldon of Kalamazoo was in Paw Paw the first of the week. He will move back to Covert soon, and orders his True Northerner sent to that address.

A. T. Stevenson has a force of men at work scraping and leveling the streets of the village. The streets are in better condition now, than they have been in years.

C. R. Hall of Alma has gone to Greenfield, Iowa for a visit with relatives before he goes to San Francisco to do his duty in the ship building yards of that city.

The spring like weather of the past week, has brought out the automobiles and everybody is getting ready to plow the gardens. It looks now very much like an early spring.

The boys are now having the time of their lives, pulling suckers from the waters of Maple Lake. Many nice strings have been caught the past week, and the sport is not all monopolized by the kids.

Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman has decided to rent her farm out by fields either for cash rent, or on shares the coming year. The loss of the dwelling house by fire makes this plan desirable for her at least this year.

Fred Beardslee of Grand Rapids called on his Paw Paw customers Tuesday. Fred is always a welcome visitor anywhere. He has a faculty of scattering sunshine wherever he goes. No sobs ever come from this genial gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salisbury accompanied the remains of Mrs. Salisbury's mother from their western home the first of the week, and will remain for a visit among relatives and friends in the old home town. They have now been in the West for a number of years, are well, happy and prosperous and delighted with that section of the universe for a home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Wakeman and Wynn were called to Lawrence, Thursday by the death of a brother-in-law, Corliss Stickney. He had recently joined the ordnance department of the U. S. Army, and was home for a visit among relatives prior to going to Moline, Illinois, to take up the work of expert machinist in an Arms Factory in that city. He was sick but a few weeks.

How many acres of crops does one man care for in this country? How many acres of crops are farmed with each horse? Any farmer can tell you this without much trouble. But he can not tell you whether he is farming more or less than his neighbors. A farm management demonstration fixes a "yardstick" of the well-balanced farms in this region with which each farmer can compare his farm business.

The boy scouts of Paw Paw are seeking to raise a small fund with which to rent and furnish a headquarters building for their spring and summer activities. They have been authorized to appeal to the public. The troop has been formed into teams of two scouts each, for the purpose of making a canvass next Saturday. The public is warned not to give to any boy for this purpose unless he is accompanied by some other boy not at any other time than Saturday, March 23rd. By order of Scoutmaster, C. H. Heaton.

Lester Hamilton Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. and Mina Irene Porter, was born in Paw Paw, Mich., April 17th, 1902 and died March 15th, 1918, aged fifteen years, ten months and twenty-six days. He lived in Paw Paw all his life and died a victim of typhoid fever. Loren was a freshman in our local high school and a member of the band. He was a scholar in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and became a member of the church under the ministry of Rev. A. T. Luther. Besides his grief stricken parents he leaves three sisters, one brother, and other relatives and many friends to mourn his death. Loren was a quiet, well behaved, christian boy who gave promise of future usefulness. It must be that such a life will have an opportunity for development and service in another world. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Porter who have had an unusually heavy burden of sorrow to carry.

Mrs. Harry Mather was in Kalamazoo on Tuesday last.

Earl Burhans was in Bangor last Saturday on legal business.

Miss Grace Marshall is improving from an attack of pneumonia.

Judge and Mrs. Des Voignes returned to Paw Paw last Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Showerman who has been in the hospital at Kalamazoo returned home last Friday.

Mrs. Ruth DeRoche of Berlamont spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Summy.

Prof. and Mrs. Orrin Kaye were in Chicago for the week end where Prof. Kaye attended a teacher's meeting.

Miss Stella Lawton of Lawton was in the city last Monday to assist with the work of the Red Cross at the club house.

Uncle John Langford of Charlotte was in town last week shaking hands with old friends. He reported the Epleys well and happy.

Mrs. Elvira Morrison left Wednesday for Grand Rapids where she will spend a week at the home of her daughter Mrs. Horace McDonald.

Miss Josephine Van Auken returned to her home here last Thursday after spending a greater part of the winter with her brother in Hartford.

The many friends of Mrs. Julia Engle south of town, will be pleased to hear that she is very much better. She is still at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Casler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abrams and the Misses Grace Barnes and Nellie Martin, motored from Lawrence last Friday evening to see "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross."

Judge Pinney was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office on Monday. The venerable Judge has spent the winter in Wisconsin with a son and was on the way to his home on the banks of Reynolds Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith expect to leave for Big Rapids, their future home, a week from next Monday. This estimable young couple have a host of friends who can truthfully say "We hate to see them go," but all join in wishing them good luck and happiness in their new home.

If there are people in Paw Paw or vicinity who did not see "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" last week and desire to do so, they will have an opportunity at Lawton next Tuesday evening. The Paw Paw company will repeat the play in that village for the benefit of the Red Cross society.

Next Wednesday evening at 7:30 Prof. W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan will deliver his great lecture entitled "The Boy Problem" at the Coterie club house. The lecture is free to the public and all are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the teachers and pupils of the high school.

The ladies of the Rebekah enjoyed a Pot luck supper last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Bassett. The affair was in honor of Mrs. Bassett's birthday and was a complete surprise to her. Several dainty gifts were left to remind this estimable lady that another mile station has been reached. All departed wishing her many returns of the day.

At the request of the Red Cross Ladies of Lawton, the "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" play will be given by the Paw Paw company in that village on Tuesday evening, March 26th, at the Town Hall. Every cent of the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross society. A benefit of this nature for so worthy a cause should pack the house. The admission will be 25 cents to all.

Joe Sage and son Frank and wife have returned to Paw Paw from Bangor and will again make this village their home. Frank has purchased the "Hotel de Hamburger" of A. M. Devall and will run this eating place. Frank is an artist at making "Hamburgers" and we predict a lucrative business for the new proprietor. Mr. Devall has purchased the Eating place from Harry Busley and is fitting it up for a first class restaurant.

Red Cross Notes.—It will be greatly appreciated, if the ladies who are cutting at the Red Cross work room will make a special effort to be there at 8:30 in the morning and 1:30 in the afternoon. If for any reason you cannot come on day assigned, kindly send substitute or notify chairman, phone 388.—During the past week we have cut 638 hospital bed shirts, 68 suits of pajamas, 10 stretcher caps, making in all 716 garments.—At present we have 88 cutters, some giving two and three half days a week.—The largest single shipment of knitted goods and hospital garments yet sent from the Van Buren county headquarters to state headquarters at Detroit was forwarded last week. It consisted of four large packing cases containing the following:—147 sweaters, 147 pair of socks, 93 wristlets, 33 helmets 344 hospital bed shirts and 92 pajamas.—Mrs. W. F. Grady, head of the South Haven township unit sent in the largest single shipment of finished garments ever received at county headquarters. She has charge of five sub units and has done splendid work from the first.

Mrs. Muri Young was a Kalamazoo visitor last Monday.

J. B. Adams is the new clerk in the Allen Bros. store in Glendale.

Merle Emmie will move into the Sam Noyes house in Glendale soon.

Elmer Downing of Chicago was in Paw Paw on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Wesley Ball and son Kenneth were guests of Mrs. Sarah Hall last Sunday.

Austin Griffin south of town, who has been in poor health for the past winter is still under the care of a physician.

The Royal Neighbors of Glendale will hold a warm sugar social at the hall in Glendale Saturday evening, March 23rd. All are cordially invited.

A. E. Chase has traded his farm in Waverly township to Howard Town, and will move to his house in Glendale.

Mrs. Marie Allen of Glendale visited her mother Mrs. Rena Beach here last week and attended the play "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross."

The Royal Neighbors of Glendale held their first afternoon meeting last Saturday. The next meeting is on Saturday afternoon, March 30th.

Paul Smith has sold his farm south of town to Mr. den Blyker of Kalamazoo. Mr. den Blyker now has a 230 acre farm here.

Gregg Hogar was called here from Chicago the first of the week on account of the death of a relative, Mrs. Ann Threadgould.

Spring vacation in all the grades of the Paw Paw schools will start next Monday and continue throughout the week.

For some reason or other, Paw people have not awakened to the importance of the Thrift Stamp sale. This community is way behind many smaller villages in the number of stamps sold. This is highly important, and every loyal citizen should buy Thrift Stamps just as often as it is possible.

If the farmers only realized, says one of our correspondents, how important the question of wheat raising is going to be during the next few years, we firmly believe that they would be willing to take hold of the matter and show their patriotism by raising the crops that will help the most to win the war. The wheat crop for the year 1918 does not look as promising as it might, and with only half enough flour on hand to last until July first, the situation looks very dark indeed. Let's remember says the correspondent, that "The hand that sows the wheat, Wins the War."

Our correspondent of East of Paw Paw states that the ladies of that neighborhood have always been noted for the good meals they could get up, but he thinks they broke all previous records last Tuesday evening when they invited the men to take supper with them at the Bailey home. The gentlemen were given the places of honor at the first table, and spent an evening in rare enjoyment with music visiting and entertainment. It was an evening long to be remembered by those present. Following is the list of those present with their families: Charles Morrison, Harry White, W. C. White, George Lang, Earl Bangs, H. M. Ayars, Roy Mosier, W. J. Bale, Boyd Clapper, Winne Fisk, John Haworth, L. M. Farr, Mrs. Boess, Miss Marian Boess, Mrs. Morrison, Ab White and A. W. Mosier.

March term of Circuit Court convened Monday, with the local attorneys present and the following attorneys from out of town were present: James E. Chandler, Fred C. Cogshall, and W. G. Bessey of South Haven; L. J. Lewis of Bangor; C. W. Van Riper of Hartford.—The calendar for the term was arranged. No criminal cases to be tried this term. People vs. George Moore, charged with burglary was dismissed because George Moore is now in France in the Army, and by reason of the Federal Law governing such cases, it was dismissed.—The People vs. Henry R. Baker, charged with False Pretenses, was dismissed for reason that the Prosecutor asked for Security for costs which was not furnished, and he felt that the controversy should be settled in the Civil Courts.—The People vs. Bert Davis and LaVern Rose, charged with Larceny, last term LaVern Rose was paroled and Bert Davis did not appear. He appeared voluntarily this term and stated that he was led to believe that he would be severely dealt with, and knowing that he had a wife and children to support, he left the state for Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he secured work in a machine shop, at \$5.00 per day. Realizing that he had a wife and children to support, the Court permitted him to go on parole for the period of one year, with the condition that he should pay the costs he has made the County, refrain from drinking habit and support his wife and children, and be industrious.—The case of the People vs. Dalton Carpp which was tried last term and on which the Jury disagreed, will go over the term. The Prosecutor stated to the Court that in his opinion the case should be dismissed, because the Jury stood ten to two for acquittal, and he thought he was not justified in trying it over at the expense of the County of \$500 or \$600 for a new trial.

Mrs. Anna Ellis went to Lawrence on Tuesday for a few days visit with friends in that village.

Attorney Wm. Barnard is engaged in the trial of a case in the Federal Court in Grand Rapids this week.

Mrs. Ida Cole of Allegan was a guest at the H. A. Cole home several days this week, returning to Allegan Wednesday.

The John W. Free Co. Bank installed a new Mosler Burglar proof time lock safe this week. It is one of the latest improved safes and weighs four and one half tons.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jackson have sold their Paw Paw farm and gone to Chicago. They left on Tuesday, leaving many Paw Paw friends whose good wishes go with them wherever they may go.

Don't overlook the advantages offered by The True Northerner as an advertising medium, if you are going to have an auction. The large circulation guarantees the requisite publicity and a crowd for your sale.

It is the duty of every loyal American citizen to deny himself some of the non-essentials he now enjoys and use the money thus saved in the purchase of Thrift Stamps. Uncle Sam needs the money and every dollar helps.

Are you doing your duty in the purchase of Thrift Stamps? If not, wake up to the seriousness of the situation and the importance of this war revenue plan. Loan your money to the government voluntarily, and not wait until you are forced to do it.

The annual meeting of the School Officers of Van Buren county will be held in Hartford on Tuesday, March 26th. George N. Otwell, assistant superintendent of Public Instruction will be in charge, and every school officer in the county should be present. No one can afford to miss it.

Manager Reeves of the Idle Hour announces that his program for Friday and Saturday evenings of this week will be "Polly of the Circus." This is without doubt one of the best features shown today in all the leading show houses of the country. Another play was booked for these two evenings and the change to "Polly of the Circus" is indeed fortunate for the patrons of the Idle Hour.

Starting after spring vacation, Military Training will be a part of the curriculum in Paw Paw schools in grades from seven to twelve inclusive. County Clerk, Royal Decker has finally been induced to take charge of this feature. His training at Camp Sheridan amply qualifies him for the work, and it is a mighty patriotic thing for Royal to do. This training will be from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M. on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week, and will be compulsory with all boys in the grades mentioned.

Commissioner E. V. Roof advocates the opening of Van Buren county schools the coming year on the first of August and continuing until the fall harvest begins, then close for one month. This is a patriotic move to relieve as far as possible the labor situation. This plan might in some instances inconvenience some teachers who have their vacation planned, but it will be the duty of all teachers and students alike to approve of any plan that has for its object, help in winning the war. It is hoped that the suggestion may meet the approval of school boards, teachers and students alike. It will not curtail the school year at all, simply put a part of the vacation in another place. Bear in mind that last fall during the "Harvest Vacation" the boys and girls of this county were paid the sum of \$29,000 in labor, besides helping to save the crops that otherwise might have been wasted. The situation next year so far as labor is concerned will be even more critical than last year. Do your bit, any time, and in any way possible to help win the war.

A. M. Curtis was born in Lincoln, England, April 27th, 1841 and came to America with her parents at the age of fourteen years. She was united in marriage to Thomas Threadgould January 1st, 1858 and to this union five children were born, all of whom, except one, preceded her to the great beyond. After their marriage they moved on their farm five miles south of Paw Paw where her husband died thirty-three years ago. Thirteen years ago she moved into the village and lived there until five years ago, when she went with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Salisbury to live in Idaho. For the past four years she has been in poor health and nine weeks ago started for California hoping to be benefited by the congenial climate, but was not able to stand the journey and was forced to leave the train at Medford, Oregon where on March 12th, she passed away. Mrs. Threadgould was a good mother and dearly loved her children. The relation existing between mother and daughter were of the closest, and most precious kind. After much suffering the burdens of life became very heavy and she longed for the time when she could lay them aside and be at rest. At last the call came for her to enter the land of rest. The remains were brought to Paw Paw and funeral services were held in the home of Mrs. Hoger 160 W. Elm street, conducted by Rev. Arthur Trotter and the interment was in Deater cemetery.

Be sure to hear Prof. W. D. Henderson lecture on "The Boy Problem" next Wednesday evening at the Coterie club house. Free to all.

A letter from Raymond Haworth to his parents states that he was among the first bunch of Uncle Sam's boys to enter the trenches. It is rather monotonous he says, except at times when there is plenty of excitement. A letter from Cecil Haworth who is yet in camp here, says that the work is getting very interesting. Fifteen of them, he said, were out in the hills practicing signal work.

The True Northerner runs a full page of auctions this week. There are four sales, all good ones and page six gives the complete details. The first is for Edward Gillette on the Wm. Pugsley farm on Saturday, March 23rd, B. F. Warner auctioneer. John Haworth, clerk. The second is for D. C. Thompson on his farm two miles south and two miles east of Mattawan on Monday, March 25th. B. J. Rix, auctioneer, Campbell and Murch, clerks. The third is for Joseph Reed at his farm one and one quarter miles west of Paw Paw on Friday, March 29th. B. J. Rix, auctioneer, B. F. Warner, clerk. The fourth for Paul Smith at his farm one and one half miles south of Paw Paw on Saturday, March 30th. Rix auctioneer, B. F. Warner, clerk. These are all big auctions as a careful perusal of the solid auction page in this issue will disclose. We have other sales already scheduled. Watch for the list next week. If you are contemplating an auction it will pay you to come to The True Northerner office early, that the sale may be properly advertised. We guarantee the circulation and publicity.

"Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" has come and gone, and it seems to be the universal opinion that it was one of the best, if not the best, amateur play ever staged here by local talent. It would be impossible to single out any individual star or stars in the cast, as each character seemed to be just the right person for the part assigned them. Miss Margaret Cole as "Grandma" had the leading role and most difficult part. She was Grandma from start to finish, and earned many compliments on her superb interpretation of the part. The Misses Mildred Shepard and Christine Carr as the young and pretty girls of "Old Splinterville" could not be improved upon anywhere, and handled their parts to perfection. Miss Marian Pierce as the dainty French maid, was all that the part implied. This was one of the difficult parts to learn but Miss Marian was equal to the occasion and handled it like a real professional. Mrs. McLaren as "Samantha Snapp" was on the job every minute, and took the part to perfection. Mesdames Rena Smith and Hattie Burhans as Red Cross Nurses were well adapted to their parts and appeared like real honest-to-goodness nurses. Little Ruth Harrington as Lizzie was surely a little wonder for one of her years and made a hit with every one in the audience. Master Chas. Miller as brother Bub was equally as clever and the pair made a team that would be hard to beat. Rev. C. H. Heaton as Happy Jim Hankins with the Red Hair and "wee little limp" was as good if not better than most professionals who are on the stage every day. He kept the house in an uproar from start to finish by his droll sayings and superb acting. Theodore Ferguson as Ezra, Grandma's youngest son, was the right boy in the right place. He played the part well and made a fine looking soldier boy. Every one knows that Frank Pierce is one of the very nicest boys in town, but he made an awfully good Bad Man as Mike Hannigan. The part though short, required some good acting and Frank was clever in the part. Earl Burhans as the New York Millionaire was just the man for the role, and showed cleverness in interpreting the part. He made a decided hit, and one would look a long time for his equal. Paul Smith as the Dignified Butler was all that the title implied. He was just right and brought forth many a good laugh. Dr. W. F. Hoyt as Dr. Dawson of the U. S. Medical corps was right at home and helped to make the hospital scene seem too real for many in the large audience. Corporal Shannon was played by Harold Hathaway in a way that was most natural and effective. Taking the play as a whole, it was all and more than the large audience expected. The Opera House was packed to the limit on two nights and many were turned away on both nights that could not be accommodated with even standing room. Great credit for the success of the play is given Rev. C. H. Heaton as director, and Mrs. Lena Irey as chairman of the committee. Both worked incessantly for the play and its success. The music furnished by the High School orchestra added much to the enjoyment of the audience and the girls chorus under the direction of Miss Brumstead was thoroughly appreciated. The company are also indebted to A. Lynn Free for his assistance in the "Make-up" of the various characters. The Coterie club, after giving the orchestra ten per cent of the proceeds, and paying all expenses will have approximately \$150.00 clear. By request of the Red Cross ladies of Lawton, the play will be repeated in that village next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross society.

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